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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SCUL

SUBJECT: CU SUPPORT

REF: (A) STATE 056583, (B) STATE 070725, (C) TEL AVIV 1028,

(D) STATE 065733

1. EMBASSY MUCH DISTRESSED AT TOTAL LACK CU SUPPORT
ESPECIALLY IN VIEW EXTENSIVE ISRAELI EFFORTS SALUTE U.S.
BICENTENNIAL. ISRAEL HAS NOT RECEIVED A U.S. CULTURAL PRESENTATION
NOR AN AMERICAN SPECIALIST FOR YEARS.

2. RECENT REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE ENABLE AMERICAN
PERFORMERS PARTICIPATE ISRAEL FESTIVAL (REFTEL A), IN
PHILHARMONIC BICENTENNIAL CONCERT (REFTEL B), FOR AMERICAN
CHOREOGRAPHER (REFTEL C) AND AMERICAN THEATER DIRECTOR
(REFTEL D) REFUSED OR UNANSWERED.

3. RESULT FAILURE ASSIST FESTIVAL, WHICH HAS OPTION ON
CUNNINGHAM ONLY TILL APRIL 10, AND CANNOT BOOK WITHOUT
USG ASSISTANCE, WILL BE NO, RPT, NO U.S. PARTICIPATION.
FESTIVAL HAS PLANNED THREE TELEVISION PROGRAMS DONE LIVE BY
CLIVE BARNES USING FILMS ON AMERICAN BALLET AND THEATER IN
CONJUNCTION CUNNINGHAM APPEARANCES, IN ADDITION SEMINARS WITH
BARNES AND LOCAL BALLET COMPANIES.

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4. IN ORDER PRESERVE WHAT GOOD WILL REMAINS FOR US
AMONGST ISRAELI CULTURAL LEADERS ADVISE WHETHER COMPLETE
REJECTION ALL REQUESTS ASSISTANCE FROM CU REPRESENTS POLICY.
IF SO PST CAN DISCOURAGE ISRAELI SFROM OUTSET TO AVOID LATER
FRUSTRATION OF HIGH EXPECTATIONS.
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